Annual growth rate for 2003-04

†1822. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate for the financial year 2003-04 has been estimated to be 7 per cent in the country;

(b) if not, the actual estimate in this regard; and

(c) the rise in the annual growth rate assessed in the Agriculture, Industry and service sector separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) As per the Mid-Year Review brought out by the Ministry of Finance in November 2003, the overall growth in real Gross Domestic Product can be expected to exceed 7 per cent in 2003-04. This assumes growth rates of more than 8 per cent and 6 per cent in agriculture & allied sector, and industry, respectively and a reasonably good performance by the service sector.

Utilisation of funds by Special Category States

1823. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has detected that out of 73 per cent of the project cost released to Special Category States under the Accelerated Power Development Programme, the utilization was only 49.56 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Planning Commission monitored utilization of funds during the last three years;

(c) which are the States that have failed to utilize all the funds released under Accelerated Power Development Programme ; and

(d) whether Planning Commission adopting stricter control mechanism so that such situation does not recur?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.